Recruitment of candidates who have attained 35 years.

374 * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Service Advisory Committee have made any recommendations about the recruitment of candidates who have attained 35 years; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have passed any orders on those recommendations?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The recommendation has just been received by Government and it is under consideration.

Promotions and confirmations in the Anchal Department.

375 * **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased

(*a*) to state whether any percentage has been fixed in regard to the promotions and confirmations of peons and that of volunteers in the Anchal Department; if so, whether there is any G. O. on the matter; and if a percentage has been fixed, what that percentage is and the date of the G. O; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement showing:

(i) the number of persons confirmed as clerks in the Anchal Department from the 30th Kanni 1116;

(ii) their names and the community to which they belong;

(iii) the names of those who were volunteers and the names of peons who have been promoted and confirmed; and

(iv) if there is any among the clerks so confirmed who was not either a peon or a volunteer, what he was?

MR. D. GAINNEOS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, G. O.R.O. C. No. 1545/37/Genl., dated the 31st May 1938 lays down that 20% of the vacancies may be filled up by promotion from the inferior service and the remaining 80% by direct recruitment.

(*b*) The *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Profiteering among merchants.

376. * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any arrangement to stop excessive profiteering among merchants in the State?

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Controller of Food Supplies*): Yes.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു എന്തു നടപടിയാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റു നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതു?

Vide Appendix I.

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